

PUBLIC LAW 597 — 80th Congress — Chapter 400 — 2nd Session

TITLE I — DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Foreign Service

Salaries and expenses, Foreign Service: For necessary expenses of the Foreign Service, except as otherwise provided for, including those authorized by the Foreign Service Act of 1946 (22 U.S.C. 801 — 1158), except title VII, sections 701, 702, 703, 704, 706, 707, title VIII, and section 901 of title IX; repairs, alterations, preservation, and maintenance of Government-owned and leased diplomatic and consular properties in foreign countries, including minor construction on Government-owned properties, without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (41 U.S.C. 5); ice and drinking water for office purposes; the hire of passenger motor vehicles, and purchase of twenty-three, including two for chiefs of missions at not to exceed \$3,000 each; maintenance, operation, and repair of airplanes; maintenance, operation, repair, and rental of motorboats and launches for use at posts where determined to be necessary by the Secretary of State; insurance of official motor vehicles in foreign countries when required by law of such countries; excise taxes on negotiable instruments; purchase of uniforms; health service program as authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 150); purchase of household furniture and furnishings for Government-owned, rented, or leased buildings, except as provided by the Act of May 7, 1926, as amended (22 U.S.C. 292-299), and the acquisition, by purchase or otherwise, of household equipment for the purpose set forth in section 912 of said Foreign Service Act of 1946, all without regard section 3709 of the Revised Statutes, as amended; loss by exchange; radio broadcasting; payment in advance for subscriptions to commercial information, telephone and similar services, including telephone service in residences as authorized by the Act of April 30, 1940 (31 U.S.C. 679); burial expenses and expenses in connection with last illness and death of certain native employees, as authorized by the Act of July 15, 1939 (5 U.S.C. 118f); for relief, protection, and burial of American seamen, and alien seamen as authorized by the Act of March 24, 1943 (57 Stat. 45), in foreign countries and in Territories and insular possessions of the United States, and for expenses incurred in the acknowledgment of the services of officers and crews of foreign vessels and aircraft in rescuing American seamen, airmen, or citizens from shipwreck or other catastrophe abroad; for expenses of maintaining in Egypt, Ethiopia, Morocco, and Muscat, institutions for incarcerating American convicts and persons declared insane by any consular court, rent of quarters for prisons, ice and drinking water for prison purposes, and for the expenses of keeping, feeding, and transportation of prisoners and persons declared insane; for every expenditure requisite for or incident to the bringing home from foreign countries of persons charged with crime, as authorized by section 5275 of the Revised Statutes (18 U.S.C. 659); and the operation and maintenance of commissary and mess service (not to exceed \$200,000), without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes, as amended; \$13,750,000; Provided, That the Secretary of State may lease or rent, for periods not exceeding ten years, offices, buildings, grounds, and living quarters for the use of the Foreign Service

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which rental payments may be made in advance, and may furnish heat, fuel, light, gas and electricity for Government-owned, leased, or rented offices, buildings, grounds, and living quarters, all without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes, as amended: Provided further, That pursuant to section 8 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (Public Law 600), automobiles in possession of the Foreign Service abroad may be exchanged or sold and the exchange allowances or proceeds of such sales applied to replacement of an equal number of passenger vehicles and the cost, including the exchange allowance, of each such replacement shall not exceed \$3,000 in the case of the chief of mission automobile at each diplomatic mission and \$1,400 in the case of all other passenger vehicles except station wagons, and such replacements shall not be charged against the numerical limitation hereinbefore set forth.

Emergencies arising in the Diplomatic and Consular Service: For expenses necessary to enable the Secretary of State to meet unforeseen emergencies arising in the Diplomatic and Consular Service, to be expended pursuant to the requirement of section 291 of the Revised Statutes (31 U. S.C. 107), including personal services in the District of Columbia, \$9,750,000: Provided, That the Secretary of State may delegate to subordinate officials the authority vested in him by section 291 of the Revised Statutes pertaining to certification of expenditures. Approved June 3, 1948.